

SHEEP IN ARIZONA.

Grading Up Mexican Sheep Profitable in Arizona.

Starting with a poor grade of Mexican sheep, sheep men in northern and central Arizona, by imported Merino, Southdown and Cotswold strains, have graded up the poor quality of Arizona sheep to a very fair average on all ranges and very good strains on many of the ranges, and well-bred sheep on some. The climatic conditions are as good in Arizona for sheep as other stock. The alfalfa of central Arizona is a fine food for them, as also the pine grass of northern Arizona. Heretofore all attention has been paid to cattle, but sheep are now receiving their share. The industry is confined mostly to the higher altitudes. It is very seldom in the past that whole bands have been frozen up in Arizona in a night as in the northern states, because in driving them short distances, by easy stages warmer localities in lower valleys can be found in which food can be obtained equally as well. Sheep in Arizona are going to be profitable if the rains continue with the same frequency the coming year as in the past, producing the same generous pasturage.—Stockman.

A Big Mining Deal.

Fourteen claims adjacent to the great copper mine of W. A. Clark, in Arizona, have passed into the hands of eastern capitalists. Franklin Farrell, of Ansonia, Conn., and L. J. Guelich and W. H. Coe of New York city, are the principal syndicate of purchasers.

G. W. Hull, of Arizona, was the principal owner of the properties sold. He was represented by James Shirley, a mining engineer of Prescott. The property is located in Jerome, Yavapai county, Arizona, and is known as the

United Verde extension. Clark's property, the United Verde, is regarded as one of the greatest copper mines in the world as it pays its owner \$20,000 monthly. The property transferred is about the same extent, and is said to carry copper ore of the same value. It is the intention of the purchasers to convert the ore into crude copper at the mine and ship the product to copper refining establishments at Bridgeport and Ansonia, Conn.

Hard on Sheep.

Harry Scorse of Holbrook was driving his sheep out of the Mogollon mountains into the Verde valley when the big storm of a week ago came up, and had one of his feet badly frozen the first day and suffered a great deal from the exposure he was subjected to. He lost a number of sheep during the storm. Julius Wetzler's sheep were turned loose when the storm came up as they were overtaken at a most unfavorable place in the mountains. The sheep have since been gathered up and the loss was considerable from starvation. Hugh Campbell, who has a number of bands on the way to the valley, is feeding his sheep hay, and his loss will be slight. If the weather remains warm the feed will start on the desert and ranges early and it will be the best in many years. H. C. Yaeger says, I expect to hear from my sheep tomorrow in regard to their movements. There was no loss in my bands during the storm and the snow in the Verde valley has melted and the sheep are finding plenty of food.—Phoenix Republican.

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